

In order to convey some idea of the amount of fuel consumed by the Army of the Potomac since it has been located opposite Fredericksburg, it is stated that the command has, at intervals, occupied something like thirty two square miles, at least twenty-four of which was, when it came there, covered with dense woods, mostly oak and cedar. Where this forest stood there is now naught but one vast field, covered with stumps.

The bark Benefactor, Captain Berry, which arrived at New York on Sunday from Yokohama, (Bay of Yeddo,) brings the first cargo of teas imported into New York from Japan since the opening of trade with that country.

Cotton goods are coming from China. The New York Times thinks if prices of domestics keep up, all New York will wear nankeen next summer.

Making sorghum sugar has succeeded so well that the Northwestern Sugar Manufacturing Company is about being incorporated by the Illinois Legislature. This company has also secured the right of making sugar from beet-root, in order that the proposed mills may be employed the entire year.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company have now perfected their arrangements to that degree, that passengers can leave Washington at eight in the morning and arrive at Boston at four o'clock next morning. Or, they can leave here at half past six in the evening, and dine next day at the Revere House.

General Banks has promulgated the Emancipation Proclamation, saying that while it designates certain portions of Louisiana which are not to be affected by its provisions, the laws of the United States forbid officers of the army and navy to return slaves to their owners, or to decide upon the claim of any person to the service or labor of another.

On the 19th ultimo, Judge Jones, of the Confederate District Court, delivered a charge at Huntsville, Alabama, on the subject of selling cotton to the Northerners, the penalty for the violation of the law is the forfeiture of the value of the cotton sold, and also five years' imprisonment. The Judge instructed the Grand Jury to find presentments against all who had violated this law. He also stated that no threat of injury to property amounted to compulsion; that in order to amount to such duress as would form a legitimate excuse, it must involve the danger of loss of life or limb.

The Washington Star says:—"We hear, and have no doubt of the correctness of the statement, that yesterday the President nominated Brig. Gen. Phelps (of negro proclamation fame) to be a Major General, vice ex-Gov. Morgan, of New York, resigned; antedating his commission so that he will rank all the volunteer Major Generals in the service except Generals Dix, Butler, and Banks."

Gen. Casey, it is stated, has been requested by the War Department to prepare a system of tactics for use in the negro regiments to be enlisted in the service.

The New York Commercial Advertiser of the 6th inst., in an article on "trade" in that city, says:—"At no time during the past two years has the dry goods business been more prosperous and profitable than during the Fall and Winter seasons through which we have just passed. We speak of the retail branch of the trade, that being the one in which the ladies and many of our male readers take most interest, while, at the same time, it indicates the state of the wholesale market."

James C. McGuire & Co., in Washington, yesterday afternoon, sold the following: "\$9,400 corporation of Washington quarterly six per cent. stock at 101; \$900 corporation of Washington semi-annual six per cent. stock at 101; \$100 corporation of Washington quarterly five per cent. stock at 80; two shares Farmers and Mechanics Bank stock at 65; \$1,000 corporation of Georgetown six per cent. stock at 104."

Arrangements are made for the exchange of all citizen prisoners, and steps are now in progress for their mutual delivery.

In Washington, on Saturday morning, as a body of about two hundred convalescent soldiers were being marched from the railroad station to the camp in Virginia, they attacked every colored person who fell in their way along Maryland avenue. "As they proceeded, their violence increased, until they arrived near the Long Bridge, when they got stones from the street, and sent them flying in all directions at every colored person in sight, some of whom were struck, and quite a number of windows were broken. The guard who had them in charge seemed to be wholly inadequate to the task of keeping them in order, and their efforts were mainly to hurry them on out of sight of citizens, and over the bridge. About eight o'clock on Tuesday morning, a freight wagon containing a couple of negro men was fiercely assailed by a squad of soldiers on their way to the Seventh street wharf, with stones and other missiles. The officers seemed to take no pains whatever to stop this abuse by their men."

It is said, on good authority, that the Emperor of the French is actually shipping from Alexandria, Egypt, to Mexico some thousands of Nubian troops, for whose services in his armies he has bargained with their master, the Pasha. They are conscripts, as black as the ace of spades, and having originally been forced into the Pasha's service, are again being forced into that of Napoleon III. on this continent; making no little resistance in the streets of Alexandria to being carried on board of the French boats or vessels.

Mr. P. H. Ostrander, of Washington, has been discharged from custody, on the ground that his case was not one of false pretences or swindling, within the meaning of the law.

A bark-rigged steamer, probably the Alabama, has been seen steaming slowly off the Passes of the Mississippi. A number of the river pilots were under arrest for communicating with a strange vessel.

NOTICE.
THE Commissioner of the Revenue for the county of Alexandria, Va., may be found at the Court House, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m., until further notice.

JOHN C. CLARK,
Comm'r of Revenue.

JUST RECEIVED.
3000 bushels Potatoes.
300 bbls. do.
500 " Prime Apples.
100 " Cider.
75 " Pickles.
100 kegs Glades Butter.
50 " Goshen do.
25 bbls. Prime Roll do.
200 York State Cheese.
200 English Dairy do.
9,000 lbs. Codfish.
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Also, keep constantly on hand, Syrup, Sugar, Hams, Mackerel, Herring, Tobacco, Segars, Sutler's supplies. &c. &c.

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LADIES' DRESS FURS.--Just opened, an extensive and well-assorted stock of LADIES' and CHILDREN'S DRESS and FANCY FURS, made expressly for our retail trade, by our house in New York, and warranted to be the best in this market.

We especially call the attention of purchasers to our Russian Sable, Martin, Fitch, Mink, Siberian Squirrel, and American and Canadian Furs, consisting in Ladies' and Children's Tippets, Capes, Mantles, new style of Fur Collars, and Gentlemen's Mufflers.

We defy all competition in this line. At the same time we bring in remembrance our stock of Ladies' Cloaks and Mantles, Dress Goods, and general stock of DRY GOODS, which is daily increased with the newest and choicest patterns of fashion.

Furs from the country will be bought, both for export and manufacturing, at the highest market prices.

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Washington, nov 19--3m

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WATCHES, CLOCKS and JEWELRY carefully repaired, and all work warranted. Old Gold and Silver purchased at the highest rates. CLOCKS put in repair at the shortest notice. jan 23--1m

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Cabinet, Chair and Sofa Manufactory,
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A full supply of family groceries always on hand. jan 13

ACCOMMODATION EXPRESS
BETWEEN
WASHINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA.
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jan 16--1m W. M. DODGE.

CORN MEAL AND HORSE FEED.--The subscribers, having rented the mill lately occupied by Meade & Marye, on Union street, No. 49, are now grinding
CORN MEAL AND HORSE FEED, which will be sold, in quantities to suit purchasers, at the lowest market price.
nov 17--3m DELAHAY & BROWN.

THE CHEAPEST
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In the city, to be had at
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25 BBLS. of the best OIL ever manufactured just received. On hand, a large and splendid assortment of LAMPS, of all styles, together with GAS FIXTURES in variety, at extremely low prices. Look to your interest, and call at the right place. jan 26--tf